

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

MARCH 6, 2018

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Student Advisor, Gabby Brinson, answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

PUBLIC HEARING: Emerson Declaratory Designation Economic Revitalization Area – John McCane said that proper advertisement was made for the public hearing. He asked for public comment. There was none. Bridges moved to close the public hearing. Smith seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Conner moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Met with Duke regarding Blue Ribbon Court lighting.
2. We had a highway 3 regional meeting.
3. We met on the 28th regarding recreational trails.
4. Had a meeting with Grange insurance. We were advised that Council is eligible to participate.
5. The Main Street Streetscape timetable was approved by the Board of Works.
6. We met last week with Umbaugh for a quarterly review.
7. We had a housing meeting Friday.
8. The 1st safety meeting for the Department Heads and their assistants was yesterday.
9. We will meet on the Community Crossings on the 7th.
10. We have a Stellar quarterly meeting this week and we will meet with Jason Semlar to discuss the overlook scope change.
11. On the 9th we will meet with INDOT for the 5 railroad crossing upgrades.
12. The 13th is Project Scorpion.
13. On the 15th we will attend the EEM banquet luncheon where the City Utilities will be getting a merit award for the plant upgrades from the State of Indiana...

14. On April 11th we will meet with a retail consultant. This meeting will be for all the stake holders to discuss how to move forward.
15. May 12th is the Mayor's 5K.
16. The safety committee will meet April 9th and May 7th. Chief Jenkins was chosen as the leader.
17. Mayor Pavey passed out 2 concepts for the lighting at Blue Ribbon Court. He asked for direction from Council as to which option they would like. Once Council has decided the option he will contact Duke and the lighting will be installed in 5-6 weeks.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Smith said he has spoken to some of the landlords regarding the trash issues and it was the consensus to hold a landlord town hall meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to explain what is expected from them and that we need help from the landlords in cleaning up the City. Smith will put something in the newspaper regarding the meeting. He said we need to work together.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – There will be a meeting tomorrow regarding the changes of the scope of the overlook and the approval by the State.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Nothing.
- **Marketing** – We are focusing on retail.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **City Center** – The bonds were sold on February 22nd. The numbers look to be on budget.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – We are still in the right of way process.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Received a comfort letter regarding 203 S McFarland.
- **ECDC** – Next week we will have another site visit. We had a request for further information from Project Columbus.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Street – Mayor reported that Miller and Land are at Purdue attending a road school. Miller informed the Mayor that the new trash routes are working out great. They sent out 65 trash violation letters and have had good response getting the violations corrected.

Upon the recommendation of Commissioner Miller, the Board of Works hired Brandon Jenkins to replace Donnie Rains.

Police – Assistant Chief Click handed out the monthly statistic reports.

The Board of Works accepted the resignation of Communication Officer Adam Wagner. Permission was given to start the proceedings to hire a replacement.

Click will be presenting an active shooter program on Monday, March 19 at the Chamber of Commerce at noon.

Councilman Smith asked how the new body cameras were working out. Click reported that they are working very well.

Park – Director Burklow said they have begun interviewing for pool employees. He is seeking further applications for a full time park employee.

He said the survey regarding the dog park were overwhelming to place the dog park at the Carol Jenkins Park. It will probably be placed in the southwest corner. He said they are looking into a key fob system. The fence should be delivered in about 2 weeks and we should be ready to open in 4-5 weeks. Mayor Pavey said there will be a lot of movement in that park. A lot of dirt will begin moving. They will be working in the east end throughout the summer.

Animal – Bridges said he did not think we had officially amended the dog tag ordinance. Newhouse will prepare the document.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **CGS Contract** – Lisa Carpenter said we are getting close.
2. **Ordinance 2018-2 Amend Flood Hazard Area (Ordinance 2014-20 & 2015-1)** – The ordinance was approved at an earlier meeting. A language error was corrected and the corrected document was sent around for signatures.
3. **Ordinance 2018-5 Annexation of Territory** – Mayor Pavey said we will be obtaining signatures for annexation on Spencer Street road.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2018-6 Emerson Declaratory Resolution Designating an Economic Revitalization Area** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2018-6. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2018-7 Authorizing the Solicitation of RFP for Sale of Land** – Russell Brown gave an explanation of this process.

Councilman Berkemeier left the meeting.

Smith asked if Council would have any input on the retention ponds. Brown said there will be general outlines and that Council can accept or reject any plans. HWC has done the preliminary design. We still have to go through a PUD. Cameron moved to approve Resolution 2018-7. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **Executed Purchase Agreement (Property) Apartments Joe Peacock – Completed 3/2/18** – Russell Brown informed Council that an agreement with CFH Enterprises was completed on March 2, 2018. The agreement is for 4 acres at \$18,500.00 per acre. There is a design and plan for the 4 acres. We are looking at a closing date of May 1st. There is also an option for 1.8 acres immediately south of the 4 acres at \$18,500 per acre.
4. **Ordinance 2018-7 Rushville Villas PUD (APC Resolution 2018-1 – 18 PUD-01)** –This is for a single family development. It sets the floor for new development. This does not include the previous 4 acres. Cameron moved to approve Ordinance 2018-7. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Approval to Move Forward with Intergovernmental Property Swap (City/Swap)** –Bridges made a motion to move forward with the intergovernmental property swap with the school. This includes 3 ball diamonds for the school and a portion of land south of 16th Street that butts up to Loma for the City. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Recreational Trails Program (Federal Dollars) Top of Levee and Throughout Riverside Park** – Mayor Pavey said we are pursuing a DNR grant. We continue to build on our original plan. Pavey said he believes we have the right combination to receive this grant.
7. **Historic Board Neighborhood District-Zoning Ordinance District Discussion** – Shelly Wakefield said there has been discussion in regard to the realignment of the Historic Board. This would allow us to take into account smaller lots and keep with our Comprehensive Plan. We have discovered there are some things lacking and needs to be on its own. There have been some complaints of the expansiveness of the district. This would cater more to the neighborhood and our definition of what works. Wakefield said we need to get the proper ordinance in place. She said we are establishing criteria for spot historic preservation. Bridges made a motion to move forward with the Historic Board Neighborhood District Zoning Ordinance. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. **Potential 911 Board Discussion** – Ron Jarman said he has had conversation with the Mayor regarding a potential joint 911 board. It would consist of a 6 member board similar to the fiber board. There would be 3 members from the County and 3 members from the City. This forces the City and County to work together. It gives

us an opportunity to keep things local. Currently the State ordinance decides how money is divided. This would give us a little more leeway locally. If the County and City don't agree then we would go by the State ordinance. We would need to have our ordinance in place before June 30th. Jarman said he is willing to work with the attorneys to get something to bring before the City and County for approval. Cameron made a motion to move forward to get something in place before June 30th. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Cameron moved to approve the claims as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Blue Ribbon Lighting – Cameron recommended to go with the option of 2 50 watt LED lights. He said the 1 light in the middle did not seem to work. Council agreed this was the best option. Pavey will order the lights to be installed.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Conner moved to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.